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National Thanksgiving Day.

The President's Proclamation.

By the President of the United States:

Whereas, it behooves a people sensible of their dependence on the Almighty, publicly and collectively to acknowledge their gratitude for His favors and mercies, and humbly to beseech for their continuance; and whereas, the people of the United States, during the year about to end, have special cause to be thankful for general prosperity, abundant harvests, exemption from pestilence, foreign war, and civil strife; now, therefore, be it known that I, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, concurring in any similar recommendation from the Chief Magistrates of States, do hereby recommend to all citizens to meet in their respective places of worship on Thursday, the 24th day of November next, there to give thanks for the bounty of God during the year about to close, and to supplicate for its continuance hereafter.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my name and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done in the city of Washington this 21st day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-fifth.

U. S. GRANT.

(Signed) HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

Great Meeting at Petersburg, Va.

Hon. COLUMBUS DELANO, Secretary of the Interior, Hon. J. H. PLATT, Col. J. H. CLENDENNING, Assistant Secretary of the Republican Congressional Committee, Prof. JOHN M. LANGSTON, of Howard University, and others, will address the Republicans of Petersburg and vicinity on Thursday evening next.

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The organization of the Union Congressional Republican Executive Committee is as follows. Republican papers throughout the country will aid the good cause by copying the list of the officers of the committee:

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November Elections.

If the war for the preservation of the Union was important, and the great measures of reconstruction, based upon impartial liberty, are of the transcendent value they have hitherto been taken to be, the elections about to take place in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Wisconsin, Michigan, Mississippi, Minnesota, Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Kentucky, Maryland, and Massachusetts are of surpassing importance. The political complexion of the next six years is now to be determined. That whole system of legislation to secure liberty, union, and justice to the nation, for which we are indebted to the great Republican party during and since the slaveholders' rebellion, will depend for validity and permanence upon the results of this November election. The Forty-second Congress will not only elect the President and Vice President, but will in its character fix the policy of the next ensuing four years. With the Forty-second Congress strongly Republican General GRANT is morally secure for a second term. With him at the head of the Government six years longer, supported by an able and loyal Congress, the good work already accomplished by the Republican party will naturally harden into solidity and permanence—the country will enjoy that repose and general sense of security essential to its peace and prosperity. Ten years of struggle, of doubt and alarm are enough. Five years of war and four of ANDREW JOHNSON have made the demand for peace and security more urgent and necessary. To supply this want, all doubt that the power of the Government is to remain in the hands of the Republican party during the next six years should be removed. It is plain that any considerable Democratic gains now, though far short of victory, would encourage hopes and rouse exertions on the part of the Democratic party, which might make it difficult, if not impossible, to elect General GRANT in 1872—a failure to do which would tend to reopen all the old fountains of bitterness and plunge the country into its old turmoil, if not war.

Whoever sees a Democrat elected to the Presidency will see the hopes of a defeated rebellion arise; they will see the exploded doctrine of State Rights and State sovereignty revived. Free State men will be persecuted and compelled to flee from the towns and cities of the South; the colored schools now flourishing there broken up; the colored people brought under severe and oppressive municipal regulations, and slave rule brought back to the Southern States as nearly as it can be done without violating the letter of the Constitution of the United States. "Race, color, and previous condition" are broad, but not beyond the power of evasion where once the power is in unfriendly hands. To know what a party will do when it gets the power, we only need to know what the party has done when it had the power, for what it has done it will be likely to do again if subjected to a like temptation. The whole South to-day smokes with the buried embers of the old rebellion. The spirit of slavery is abroad, and is ready to scatter about the fires of hell on every side. The encouragement of a Democratic victory would "fire the southern heart" and precipitate the southern people, if not into open war, at least in open disobedience to all our vital reconstruction laws.

In full belief of the truth of this feeble picture of the consequences involved in the coming election, we urge and entreat all men, everywhere to sustain with their votes and with all their might the regular candidates of the Republican party. Especially do we call upon colored men, in whole and in part, each and all, against all inducements, all lying, all pretense of friendship, or whatever else, to stand firmly by the Republican party, the party to which we owe our liberty and enfranchisement, and whose continuance in power is essential to the permanent enjoyment of these inestimable blessings. The colored man who votes against the Republican party, votes himself a spaniel, a poor, mean dog, (despising his own manhood,) licks the hand that smites—votes chains for his own ankles, spits upon his own freedom, insults and outrages the race with which he is identified.

How Shall Deserters be Treated?

He who shall the colored voter to vote the Democratic ticket, the Reform Republican ticket, the Labor Reform ticket, the Temperance ticket, the Missouri bolters' ticket, or any ticket other than the regular Republican ticket, asks the said voter to stamp himself as an ardent fool or an infamous knave, destitute of all true feeling as to what becomes a man and a citizen. It involves the baseness of despising one's friends and respecting one's enemies—enfeebles the one and strengthening the other. Every colored voter thus voting, in view of the past, and the known record of all the different parties, commits not only a blunder, but a crime, for which the fixed scorn and social reprobatation of the colored people thus betrayed would be too lenient a punishment. If such a man is purely a fool, and does not know better than to blast himself and others, he is to be pitied and instructed, that he may do better another time; but if he is intelligent, let him forever hereafter be unto us a social outcast, a fugitive and a vagabond, a Judas Iscariot, and an enemy to his race, who would bring upon us again the bondage of ages, and blot us out from among men.

It is to be hoped, for the credit of human nature, that but few such sweet-sake snakes among the colored voters will be found following the Democratic ranks, or any other ranks outside the Republican party; but as no people, how noble soever in the main, can boast entire exemption from such shabby sheep, it is well enough that we recognize their possible existence and prepare to meet them, not with blows and violence either at the polls or elsewhere, but with the moral exorcism which their treason and villainy deserve. We lay down no rule here for white men. The iron of bondage never entered their souls. Their wives and children were never bought and sold like horses, sheep, and swine. If they vote with the Democratic party they vote with a party that loves them; one that they themselves have made for their own selfish purposes; but if we, the colored people, vote with that party we justly incur the infamy of riveting our own chains, betraying our whole race, and branding ourselves as the vilest ingrates upon whom the sun ever shone.

If we lived in Massachusetts, we should like very much to give our vote for temperance—as we should here, or elsewhere—if we could do so wisely and effectively; but it does seem to us that a vote for the distinct prohibition party in the old Bay State this year, as things now stand there, is a vote for the sham Democracy.

It will be seen by the President's Proclamation in to-day's paper, that he has set apart Thursday the 24th of November as a day of National Thanksgiving to God for his many mercies and blessings during the past year.

ANDREW JOHNSON, in a speech recently delivered by him in Tennessee, declared "that he had never ceased to be a Democrat." This will account for his treachery to freedom, to the Republican party, and the country.

ONE MORE WORD

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS!

Importance of the Congressional Campaign.

As no State, and but few counties, officers are to be elected in Virginia on Tuesday next, the interest in the election is almost entirely centered in the Congressional contest. This being the fact, we desire briefly to call the attention of our readers in that State to their candidates for Congress, and urge upon them the great importance of securing their election. You deserve credit for the wisdom you have shown in the selection of your candidates, but you will deserve much greater credit by electing them. There is not one of them who is not deserving of your confidence, or who, if elected, will not serve you faithfully and honestly. In the First District you have

Dr. W. W. Douglass

for your candidate. We are not personally acquainted with this gentleman, but we have heard him highly spoken of by many of the leading Republicans of your district. He has been twice nominated by conventions in which every section of your district was represented, and it is your duty to vote for him. You must not heed the advice of disappointed and disaffected Republicans and throw your votes away on such men as Mr. NORTON. If there is no division of your vote you can elect your candidate. And there must be no division of your party. You cannot afford, nor can the Republican party elsewhere afford, the loss of this district. Dr. DOUGLASS is the only candidate of your party, and you must give him the solid vote of your district and elect him.

Hon. James H. Platt

is the Republican candidate in the Second District. His name is a tower of strength in Virginia, and while his election is certain, we cannot pass him by without saying a few words in his behalf. His great popularity at home, and the confidence which the leaders of the Republican party outside of the State have reposed in him, have made the leading Democrats of his district very envious of him, and they have determined to crush him if possible. They will use the most cowardly and despicable means to accomplish their purpose, and for this reason you must be active and vigilant in his behalf. They are using their money freely, and have already bought up a quasi Republican to run against him. In addition to this they have sent out emissaries to different parts of the district to peddle a lying report, to the effect that he has withdrawn from the canvass in favor of Mr. BOLLING, the candidate of the old Democratic secession party. You must be on your guard for such false reports as these—ready night and day to meet and contradict them, and to brand their authors with downright misrepresentation and falsehood. It is only by such means that the Democrats of the Second District have any hopes of success, and therefore you must show unusual vigilance and activity in behalf of your gallant young standard-bearer from this time on until the close of the polls on Tuesday evening next. Do this, and a glorious victory will crown your efforts.

Hon. Charles H. Porter

is the Republican candidate in the Third or Richmond District. "Superhuman efforts are being made by the rebel Democracy to encompass Mr. PORTER's defeat, but with a united effort on the part of our friends their exertions will prove fruitless. Mr. PORTER's defeat would provide a national loss. He is a gentleman of splendid ability, of liberal and enlarged views on all questions of State and national policy, and a true friend, and unyielding friend, and champion of the rights of the colored race. He is worthy the respect and confidence of every patriot in the country, and should have the vote of every such man in his district. Let the Republicans of his district give him their united vote, and he will be re-elected by a largely increased majority.

W. H. B. Stowell, Esq.

is the Republican candidate in the Fourth District, now represented by GEORGE W. BOOKER, renegade Republican. Mr. STOWELL is a young man of excellent reputation and fine scholarly acquirements, and will make a faithful and honest member of Congress. He is at present Collector of Internal Revenue, a position he has filled with entire satisfaction to the administration. He has been honest and faithful in small things, he will be equally so when you make him a ruler in the nation. The Republicans of the Fourth District have a majority, and as there is no division or discord in the ranks of the party they can easily elect Mr. STOWELL. If they but pull the strength of the party for him. This they can and will do, and thereby redeem their district from the bad repute into which it has fallen through the conduct of Mr. BOOKER.

Hon. Alex. Rivers

is the Republican candidate in the Fifth District. This is the district represented by Hon. ROBERT RINOWAY, deceased—a gentleman who, while acting with the small opposition minority of the House, would never allow himself to be called a Democrat. The district can be carried for Judge RIVERS by a strong effort on the part of his personal and political friends. With his lead they have made a thorough and vigorous canvass of the district, and all that is now necessary to secure his election is to see that every Republican vote is polled. There is no more talented or worthy gentleman in all the South than Judge ALEXANDER RIVERS, and his election will be hailed with delight by leading Republicans everywhere. Let his friends, then, be active and vigilant, and leave no honorable action unaccomplished which would tend to secure such a result. We shall await news from his district with unusual interest.

Col. C. D. Gray

of Harrisonburg, has been brought forward as the Republican candidate in the Sixth District. This district is known as the "Tenth Legion" of Democracy in Virginia, but as the Democrats have two candidates in the field, by good management the Republicans may elect Col. GRAY. They should not be discouraged by the immense majority against them, but should use every exertion to elect their candidate. Under ordinary circumstances their defeat would be certain, but with the Democratic party distracted between two candidates there is strong hope of their success, and for this reason not one vote should be lost. A victory in this district would be such a glorious result that our friends can afford to put forth extraordinary exertions in order to secure it.

Hon. Lewis McKenzie

the present able, honest and industrious member of Congress is the Republican candidate for re-election in the Seventh District. There is no gentleman in Virginia more highly esteemed for his many excellent and noble traits of character than LEWIS MCKENZIE. He is benevolent, enterprising and energetic, and has already attained to great influence and usefulness among his colleagues of the House. It would be a most useful policy on the part of the people of his district to allow him to be defeated by Mr. BRAXTON, a gentleman whose only claim for the suffrages of the people seems to be based upon the fact that he served in the rebel army, and is opposed to the principles

and policy of the Republican party. In their present condition they can ill afford to vote for such a man. They need the aid of the Government in the construction and completion of their great railroad and water lines, but by voting for such men as Mr. BRAXTON, they forever delay themselves of such aid. Let the property holders and business men of the Seventh District, who desire the development of the material interest of their great State, remember this, and when they come to vote cast their ballots for Mr. MCKENZIE, and not for a gentleman who, if elected, would do them a positive injury.

Col. Robert W. Hughes

is the Republican candidate in the Eighth Congressional District. Col. HUGHES' name has extended far beyond the limits of his native State. For near a quarter of a century he has occupied a prominent position before the people of the South. His name has been connected with all the great works of internal improvement which have been agitated in Virginia, during the past twenty years. He is a man of culture and letters, and in his veins flows the blood of the best families of the Old Dominion. He is not only regarded as one of the best political writers of the country, but is also an able debater. He has given much attention to the subject of the railroads and water lines of Virginia, and was the champion of the bill which recently passed the Legislature of his State consolidating the great Southside line, which will soon open up to the cities of Virginia a direct trade with the West. He is now laboring for the extension of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal—an immense work, which, when completed, will cause Virginia to be rapidly advanced in wealth and prosperity as did the State of New York under the trade which was brought into her borders through the Erie Canal. But Government aid will be necessary to secure the completion of this great work, and who is there within the borders of Virginia so likely to obtain this help as Col. HUGHES? He is widely and favorably known in Congress and among the business men and capitalists of the country, and is the very man among all others who is now most needed in Congress to secure aid for the development of the material interests of Virginia. Col. HUGHES is a native Virginian. He was born, reared and educated on your soil. He knows your wants and necessities, and will represent you in Congress faithfully, honestly, and efficiently.

Republicans of Virginia

Such is your Congressional ticket, and an able one it is. Work hard for it until the sun goes down on Tuesday evening next, and you will elect it entire.

Theodore Tilton and Rev. Justus D. Fulton.

In regard to a certain unpleasant issue now pending between the Rev. Justus D. Fulton, of Boston, and Mr. Theodore Tilton, of New York, the Boston Daily News of October 20th says:

"We saw Dr. Fulton this morning, and, for the satisfaction of those who do not know him as we do, we asked him: 'Did you ever go into a lager-beer saloon and drink beer, alone or with anybody?' He replied: 'Never in my life.' 'Will you make oath to that?' 'Yes,' he replied, 'on my solemn oath I never did.'"

In reply to the above, Mr. Tilton desires to say that ever since he was threatened with libel by Mr. Fulton or his friends he has stood ready to go, at call, into a court of justice, and lay before judge and jury direct and conclusive evidence that his statement concerning Mr. Fulton's drinking lager beer in a public saloon on a Sunday night, after preaching a sermon in New York, is true. It is all very well to charge a journalist with publishing a false story, to threaten him with libel for it, to send to the Associated Press a feeble account of an interview with the so-called falsifier, and then to countenanced the threatened proceedings in an apparent mood of magnanimity. The dodge is ingenious, but will not answer. Mr. Tilton, several days ago asked to have the case brought to trial. He now politely renews that request. Is this explicit?

Here is a striking instance of the suddenness with which a malignant accuser is reduced to the position of a guilty culprit, painfully endeavoring to shield his own reputation from the influence of a reputation he had meanly, but vainly, sought to blast. Impartial men will honor THEODORE TILTON for his frank admissions concerning himself, and will know how to despise the baseness by which he has been assailed. So the matter stands for the present, so too we think it will continue to stand. Few young men have risen so rapidly in public importance as Mr. TILTON. His position at the head of one of the most powerful journals of the country, and the evident consciousness of his commanding position, have made him a mark for detraction and malicious assault, but he generally manages to hold his ground firmly and to ward off his assailants, sending them away, like this Mr. FULTON, covered so deeply in their own foolishness that no fuller can clean them.

The First Virginia District.

As it now stands, there is danger that in consequence of divisions among the colored voters of that district the sham Democracy will succeed in electing their candidate to Congress. This ought not to be. The situation of the district is as follows: The white voters, in round numbers, registered 14,000, and there are 16,000 colored. Now, were the colored voters united, it would be seen that the Democracy would have no chance at the polls. Dr. NORTON, who is the occasion of this split among the colored voters, is a colored man, and claims to be the regular Republican candidate, and if he runs will carry off many votes. It can do him no good, but must do the party much harm, and will secure the election of a copperhead Democrat to Congress. Could our voice and advice reach Dr. NORTON we would say, forego this ill-timed desire to be a member of Congress, and bide your time, and do this for the cause's sake and for the sake of our people. Advise them all to cast their votes for Mr. DOUGLASS, and let there be union, and success is certain.

We advise every colored voter in that district to cast his vote for Mr. DOUGLASS, and thus vindicate their good judgment, sound sense, and patriotic purposes to save the Republican party, the only party which will stand by and befriend the colored race and maintain its right as equal henceforth with the white race.

It is impossible to do any political good without instrumentalities, and the Republican party is our instrumentality. If, therefore, we divide among ourselves, and thus break it up, to what source can we look for help? Not certainly to the Democratic party, so called. Our only hope is in the maintenance of the Republican party intact. We beseech, therefore, every colored voter to stand by the regular organization.

The editor of the Prohibitionist, a temperance paper published in Chicago, proposes to overthrow the Republican party in order to secure the triumph of Temperance. We believe in strict temperance and in furthering the good cause, but we do not see how either temperance or even prohibition are to thrive through the downfall of the Republican party.

The President has ordered another taking of the census of the city and county of New York. Some of the officials there are not satisfied. They say that New York has a million of people. The enumeration will commence immediately after the election, and will be pressed through as soon as may be, with accuracy.

President Grant and the Democracy.

Democratic journals and Democratic politicians are just now very bitter in their denunciations of President GRANT and his administration. They affect to belittle, to despise, and to laugh at him as a statesman without a purpose and without a policy.

It is easy to see now, in the light of antecedent facts, the wherefore of these grumbling, far-fetched, ill-natured, and malignant criticisms. General GRANT is a Republican. He stands by the party which elected him, and by the platform upon which, as a candidate, he pledged himself to stand. He advances with the party, taking no backward steps. Indeed, we may say, he leads the party, making such advances in behalf of universal liberty, economy, republicanism, and just government as an enlightened nation demands. He does not, as some of his predecessors have done, seek to crystallize his administration and plunge into a sea of dead conservatism, ignoring the past, doing nothing in the present, and fearing the trembling in respect to the future. He realizes the fact that a nation of forty millions of people, with their diversified interests, have something to look for from their Government, something in behalf of equal rights, something in aid of national improvement and development, something that shall make these United States free, great, and glorious, the first power on earth.

General GRANT recognizes these truths, hence he stands by and with the Republican party, believing and knowing that it is the only party that can do these things. WENDELL PHILLIPS never uttered truer words than these, when he said President GRANT has a character, and leads the Republican party, and not the party him. The opposition of the copperhead Democracy to General GRANT, and the malignant hue and cry against him will be found just here. At the beginning of his Administration they expected to seduce him from his steadfastness, and to bring about an open rupture and quarrel between him and Congress. They said so. They made their boast that they could and would do it. They said, he was formerly a Democrat, and he will come back to us. We will ignore the radicals, and slough them off. They tried it; but they did not find a Capt. TYLER, a MILARD FILLMORE, nor an ANDY JOHNSON. But they found instead, a man of character, an unswerving Republican, a clear-headed, patient, calm, thoughtful, patriotic man, who meant to fight it out on one line, and to wield the great power of the Government for the interests and welfare of his country and humanity.

Their blameworthy and flatteries did not win. The Democratic charmers did not succeed in swerving this true patriot from his steadfastness, charm they never so bawdy, "In vain is the net set in sight of any bird."

President GRANT saw behind him his shipwrecked predecessors whom Democracy had wheedled, used for the basest purposes and cast away as squeezed lemons. General GRANT saw these deceived men stranded, utterly humiliated and lost, and this of itself would have been enough to warn him; but with more than this, and the army that comes from such a source, was Mr. GRANT clothed. He took to himself the panoply of truth, of right principles, and above all that strong and impregnable defense of a noble character, which Mr. PHILLIPS says he has, and which we know he possesses.

The Democracy may now, as they could not succeed in capturing the Republican President, growl, and the copperheads may bite, but their growls, their bite, and their malignant diatribes against the present occupant of the White House are all alike harmless. A patriotic man is at the wheel, and the ship of State will out-ride all storms.

Hon. James H. Platt.

There are but few tricks the Democratic leaders are not thoroughly conversant with, and no mean, low dirtiness they are not always ready to stoop to in order to secure their ends. If the devil is the father of liars, he surely bears a close blood relationship to many of the leaders of the Democracy.

Col. PLATT, the Republican candidate for Congress in the Second District of Virginia, is deservedly popular among his constituents. He has been actively engaged during the past three or four weeks in canvassing his district. He has invited Mr. BOLLING, his Democratic opponent, to canvass the district with him, but from some cause or other that gentleman has failed to accept the polite invitation given him. At almost every appointment he has had Col. PLATT has either invited Mr. BOLLING, or some of his friends to share the time with him in a friendly discussion of the issues involved in the canvass. These invitations have been seldom accepted, and when they were ended so disastrously to Mr. BOLLING and his friends as to increase Col. PLATT's popularity among the people. From the very commencement of the canvass he has steadily been growing in the esteem and respect of the people of his district. The Democrats are aware of this, and have become convinced that the only way they can defeat him is to do so by downright lying and misrepresentation. This they have commenced in a most industrious way.

A few days ago they started out emissaries to various parts of the district, carrying and scattering broadcast the false report that Col. PLATT had declined to longer be a candidate for Congress, and desired all his friends to vote for ROBERT B. BOLING, his Democratic competitor! Of course there is not one word of truth in this report, nor in any of the other lying reports which the Democrats of the Second District are reporting with the hope of misleading some of the more simple minded and unwary voters of that district.

Col. PLATT is a true and firm, warm and zealous friend of the colored race, and our people must not heed what his enemies say of him. He is now in a position where he can befriend you, and you must be careful to retain him there. It would be a sad thing for us to lose him in Congress—sad for our people everywhere, but his loss would be heaviest to you who are his immediate constituents. It is because he is entrusted and honored by members of the Republican party outside of your district and State that the Democrats are so anxious to secure his defeat. Do not believe what they say of him. You know him well—what sacrifices he has made for you, and what sacrifices he is willing to make that your interests may be advanced and your prosperity secured in the future. He is the only Republican candidate for Congress in the Second District of Virginia, and if you vote for any one else for that position you vote against your own interests, and place yourself outside of the pale of the Republican party. Remember this when you come to vote, and do not cast your ballot for any one who has not been regularly nominated by yourself and friends.

The President gave a State dinner at the Presidential Mansion, on Monday evening at 5 o'clock in honor of the retiring Secretary of the Interior. All the Cabinet Ministers with their ladies, who are now in the city were present. Senator Morton, and also Senator Edmunds and lady were of the company.

Tux election to be held in Maryland on the 8th of November is to be only for members of Congress. No State officers are to be elected.

THE LIFE OF ARTHUR TAPPAN, written by LEWIS TAPPAN, Esq., and published by Hurd & Houghton, New York.

Prominent among the names (and they were many) we early learned to love and venerate, after escaping from slavery thirty-two years ago, and reaching the free of all the then free States, old Massachusetts, (the best "massa" we ever had,) was that of the good man the story of whose life is told in the book mentioned at the head of this article. Young in years then, and younger still in knowledge, starting the world anew, our long-sought and new-found freedom opened to us a glorious array of new names, new models of manhood, which filled us with new hopes of the future for our enslaved people left behind us. Among these new names was that of Arthur Tappan, the then opulent merchant of New York, who, though himself a quiet, unostentatious man, was yet the subject of much story feeling and talk among men for the deep interest he was known to take in the then feeble efforts making to emancipate all the negroes at the South. He had paid the fine of William Lloyd Garrison and liberated him from a Baltimore prison—he had given his money and influence to help spread the anti-slavery gospel—he had been mobbed and a heavy reward offered for his capture. He was known to be the main pillar of the Emancipator, a supporter of the American Anti-Slavery Society, and among the foremost in every good word and work. We had not seen him, but the colored people told us of him—told us with wonder, admiration, and gratitude—and we heard with similar sentiments. No one outside of the slaves, accustomed to kicks and cuffs, to regard all white people as natural enemies, can appreciate the emotions felt by us when we found in any great white man a contradiction to that sad theory. A certain degree of doubt at that time marred the feeling excited by such discoveries. It was too good to be true; "nobody cares for us" was so deeply imprinted upon our souls that evidence to the contrary had to fight its way against a stubborn superstition. Arthur Tappan was among the first white men to conquer this suspicion and win the unshaken confidence of the colored people all over the country.

It is seldom that a man has said so little and yet has accomplished so much for the good of mankind as this man; and we are glad that he has not been permitted to pass away from the great vineyard in which he wrought without leaving behind him a faithful biographer to tell us the story of his brave and manly life; to reveal to us those deep sources of philanthropy and heroism he so grandly illustrated among men, and which made him equally a terror to evil doers and a praise to those who do well.

Here is the book. It is equally the work of a master of all the facts of his history, and the work of an affectionate brother. It is graphic, minute, and full, as well as sweet, affectionate, and brotherly, with, perhaps, a natural and therefore pardonable feeling of family pride, telling us of Arthur's parentage, of his father's temperance principles, his strict self-discipline and other good qualities; of his mother's good sense, firmness, sweetness of temper and piety; how Arthur passed his childhood and youth, his entrance into business, his successes and failures, his manner of doing business, his courtship and marriage, his travels at home and abroad, his church relations, and his active and efficient connection with various associations and enterprises; of his zeal and devotion through all his long life to religious and benevolent objects. In short, all about the career of a man remarkable for the best qualities conceivable in human nature. Colored men especially should read this book. It should be in every freedman's family who can afford to have it. It gives us, in some measure, the history of the early struggle for emancipation and the life of one of our greatest benefactors.

It was not given, or Arthur Tappan, to figure upon the platform, or to shine in the columns of the press. His high, but quiet enthusiasm made itself felt in the committee room and in his counting house unseen by the public eye, unheard by the public ear, and where no base alloy of popular applause or vanity could mingle with it and intensify its light and heat. It was from his own pure soul, looking ever away to the eternal and the infinite, lifted high above the applause or the persecutions of the moment, finding his chief joy, in doing and being right, that guided, supported, and impelled him in the noble works of charity to which he devoted his time, his talents and his wealth. Few souls were ever more thoroughly at peace with themselves, and few had better reason to be. We should like to make liberal extracts from the book before us, but we will not anticipate the reading of the book as a whole, and therefore content ourselves by thus simply commending it to the attention of our respected readers. It can be bought at Hurd & Houghton's, 459 Broome St., New York.

To the Republicans of Virginia.

This is the last opportunity we will have previous to the election, which occurs on Tuesday next, to give a few words of advice to our Republican friends in Virginia. You have been listening to good speakers and reading good documents, and doubtless understand the momentous issues involved in the canvass as well as we. We want to speak more to you about your duty on the day of election than to argue any question or series of questions to be determined by your votes on that day. Your opponents are more wily than you. They have great experience in politics, and are fully conversant with all the intrigues which are usually resorted to in order to deceive the unwary and unsuspecting on the day of election. They will come to you with all kinds of reports, and endeavor to secure your votes by flattery and kind treatment for the time being. They will doubtless tell you that your candidate stands no chance of election, and that by voting for him you will only be throwing your vote away. If that does not secure your vote they will tell you, as they have already been industriously circulating in the Second District of Virginia, that your candidate has withdrawn from the contest in favor of the Democratic candidate, and there will be plenty of unprincipled men present to back up such statements with their sworn oaths, if necessary. They will promise you work, and that failing, they will promise you office, for your vote; and when every other inducement fails, they will offer you money to vote for their candidate.

But you must manfully and firmly and bravely resist all such offers. Remember that the Republican party gave you the right to vote, and for the only way to maintain that right is to vote for its candidates. It is the ballot which makes you freemen. A glorious heritage it is, and one which you cannot afford to sell. Go to the polls on the day of the election with your ballot, in your pocket with the names of your candidates printed thereon. Do not accept a ticket from any one whom you do not know to be a Republican worthy of your entire confidence. Refuse to listen to the blandishments of your enemies; have no controversy or argument with any one, but